

DBCP will seriously undermine the intent of the Audio Home recording act. History has shown that content restrictions have not stopped illegal activity, in fact unrestricted content has led to increased sales for content providers. The MPAA fought the introduction of VCR's due to piracy concerns, the betamax decision allowed their sale anyways and now the Home video industry accounts for 4 Billion/yr in revenue for content providers. Digital Broadcast adoption will surely suffer when consumers find that the activities that they are used to under the current system (ie, time-shifting) are restricted under the new medium. Meanwhile those who would steal the content will find a technological solution to the broadcast flags and will continue their activities unabated.